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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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INFO AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 2693

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, VS, US

SUBJECT: GVN DIPLOMATS IN CANBERRA WISH TO EMIGRATE TO

UNITED STATES

REF: A. WELLINGTON 1207; B. CANBERRA 2613 (NOTAL)

1. GVN AMBASSADOR DOAN BA CANG CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MAY 1 AND STATED THAT HE AND NINE MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF ARE PREPARED TO CLOSE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY AND TO REQUEST TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN AUSTRALIA FOR THE MOMENT. HE SAID SEVERAL MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF, WHO HAVE RELATIVES ALREADY LIVING IN U.S., WILL WISH TO EMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES. AMBASSADOR CANG HAS NOT RPT NOT YET DECIDED ON HIS OWN PLANS. ALL MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF HAVE BEEN PAID SALARIES THROUGH EARLY JUNE FROM DWINDLING EMBASSY ACCOUNTS.

2. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES WILL PROBABLY BE PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL AND TO ALLOW REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME FOR GVN EMBASSY TO WIND UP ITS AFFAIRS.

(SUBSEQUENT TO THIS CONVERSATION, AMBASSADOR GREEN TALKED TO DFA CHIEF OF PROTOCOL SELLARS, WHO CONFIRMED AUSTRALIA WILL HANDLE STATUS OF GVN DIPLOMATS WITH APPROPRIATE CON-

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SIDERATION. HE SAID THERE WAS NO RUSH FOR GVN DIPLOMATS

TO CONTACT DFA, THOUGH HE HOPED THEY WOULD TAKE INITIATIVE RATHER SOONER THAN LATER. SO FAR, HE SAID, THERE HAS BEEN NO APPROACH TO GOA FROM NEW SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, BUT AUSTRALIAN MINISTERS WILL WANT TO TAKE UP THIS ISSUE SHORTLY.)

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, AMBASSADOR CANG SAID THERE ARE ABOUT 450 VIETNAMESE STUDENTS IN AUSTRALIA, VIRTUALLY ALL OF WHOM SUPPORT THE ANTI-COMMUNIST CAUSE. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE ABOUT 200 ADDITIONAL VIETNAMESE ALREADY RESIDENT IN AUSTRALIA, MANY OF THEM MARRIED TO AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS. THEY HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO KEEP IN TOUCH AND TO KEEP UP THEIR SUPPORT FOR A NON-COMMUNIST ALTERNATIVE FOR VIETNAM.

4. COMMENT: STATUS OF GVN EMBASSY STAFF WILL SHORTLY BE SAME AS THAT OF FORMER GKR EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER, MAM NEARIN, AND HIS FAMILY, WHOSE EVACUATION TO THE UNITED STATES WE HAVE RECOMMENDED IN REF B. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPT EXPEDITE REPLY TO REF B ON EVACUATION OF MAM NEARIN AND FAMILY.

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